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## Sun Spots

### Absentee ballots

Will you be out of town on election day? The upcoming first primary and non-partisan election is Tuesday, Sept. 5 and the Belle Glade City Commission election is Sept. 12.

If you need an absentee ballot, you can stop by Belle Glade City Hall or, for the Sept. 5 election call toll-free, 930-2650 for a ballot to be mailed to you.

### Fun Day

Men On the Serious Side are sponsoring a Back to School Fun Day on Saturday, August 12 at Tanner Park in South Bay.

School supplies will be given away and there will be games and activities and food and drinks. The event will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information, call Jeffrey Henry at 996-8464 or Mike Cromer at 924-2956.

### School supply give away is Aug. 12

School supplies will be given to local children on August 12 beginning at 8 a.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Pahokee.

This annual school supply give away is sponsored by Gel Carolyn Brown and the Glades Ebony Ladies Club. Member of the GEL club will be in attendance at the give away. Parents are asked to bring their children to this event.

For more information contact Carolyn Brown, Mary Pringle or Myrtice Cade.

### Story times

The Belle Glade Branch Library will offer Summer Story Times through July 29, for ages 2-12. Pre-registration is required. Please call 996-3453 for dates, times and more information.

### Registration/Open House at Glade View

Glade View Elementary will hold registration on Aug. 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria for Pre K through 5th grade.

There will also be an open house on Aug. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For information call 993-4035.

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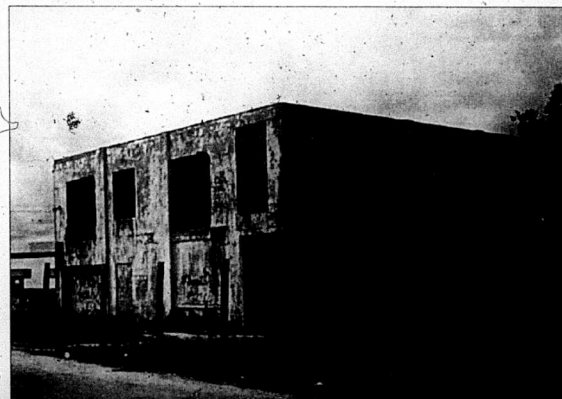
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# What's good for the soul may also help the body

Do you believe in the power of prayer? An article in a recent issue of Time Magazine cited a study which found that people who have others praying for them are more likely to recover from a serious illness than those who aren't mentioned in prayer

Katrina Elskin  
Contributing Editor

circles.

This is just the latest in a series of research that has shown the positive power of prayer in regard to health and well being.

An earlier study indicated that people who attend church services regularly can reduce their stress levels and thus lower their risk of heart problems. According to the study, even if the subjects don't consider themselves "religious," just attending the services is good for their health.

The researchers theorized

that the community support at church services can help reduce stress levels.

I also remember a survey done of Americans age 100 and older. The researchers wanted to find out if these long-lived folks had anything in common.

They did find several factors in common. One common factor among these very old folks was a deep faith.

They didn't share the same religion, but they all had faith in a higher power. (They also all eat breakfast every day.)

It's something to think about.



Lee Mikell (left) accepts congratulations as incoming Rotary Club president from outgoing president Brandon Markham.  
Photo by Ed Rongioni

## ER Chronicles: Hard work, but Brian had bills to pay



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD  
Brian knew the work would be hard, but he was happy to have the job. He had landed the assistant job with the roofing crew by being persistent. He had bills to pay, and the daily phone calls to the roofing boss finally paid off. This morning he would start.

By 10 a.m., Brian's hands were sore. The lifting, pushing, climbing, and hustling was even harder than he had imagined.

"Whew," Brian exclaimed at noon as he plopped down under a shade tree for lunch.

The boss just smiled with an understanding look. He had already been through several assistants this summer.

Brian downed the last of the water from his small jug with his lunch sandwich. He couldn't believe how much sweat had rolled off his body in just these first four hours. He sighed,

then returned to his post, flinging more shingles over his sore right shoulder and climbing that ladder again. There were bills to pay.

The afternoon sun was relentless. By 1:30 p.m., Brian felt queasy; at 2:00 he wasn't sure he had the strength to make it up the ladder, but he did. There was no breeze.

The dizziness at 2:30 became actual staggering. At 3 p.m., Brian stopped at the base of the ladder and vomited. He sat down and closed his eyes as the boss approached.

This Florida heat wave had created several patients each day in the Ocean's Hospital ER this week, and today was no exception. One elderly woman had been admitted this afternoon with a temperature of 105.6 degrees, and there were still three patients in the ER getting IV fluids and cooling down.

His boss helped Brian through the doors. The cool air in the ER felt like ice on Brian's hot skin as he sat in the triage nurse's chair.

"I think he over-heated," the boss remarked as emergency nurse Linda approached. The boss then headed back toward the job site.

Brian felt unsteady as Linda pointed to the bed in Room 14, and he thought he would vomit again as he reclined onto the cool sheet. His head was pounding.

"Hey, Doc," Linda said as she carried Brian's chart toward the physicians' desk. "Here's another heat victim."

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez looked up at the papers on the clipboard.

"Oh, his temp is 101," she said in a matter-of-fact tone. This was becoming quite repetitive the past few days.

"Has this one been working outdoors, too?"

"Yup. And Phil is starting an IV line on him now."

Cortez walked into Room 14. After introductions, she began examining Brian, and re-checking his blood pressure and heart rate.

"Brian, it looks like you have developed heat exhaustion. We're checking a few blood tests for you, and well be

replenishing the fluids that you've lost today."

Brian looked up at the doctor, and attempted a small smile.

"OK, Doc," he said softly. "When your stomach settles down a bit, we'll try some oral fluids."

Cortez went back to her other patients. Brian took some slow deep breaths, and the nausea seemed to be passing.

Over the next 90 minutes, Phil replaced empty IV bags with full ones twice. Brian was feeling stronger as he sipped on a can of Gatorade.

Cortez stopped back into Room 14, noting that Brian appeared much better.

"Brian, you look like you're perking up quite a bit."

"Yeah, Doc. I'm about back to normal now. Can I get out of here?"

Cortez checked Brian's vital signs again, then looked through the lab test results.

"Brian, you should be able to go home pretty soon, but we need to talk about how this happened." Cortez pulled a chair up alongside the bed.

She heard about Brian's first day on the job, and how he had

run out of water by noon.

"But, Doc, I gotta work. I need the money bad."

They discussed fluid replacement, and the early, subtle signs of heat illness. Cortez told him about the two elderly patients who had died from the heat this week in the apartments just down the street.

"OK, Doc. I get the picture," Brian admitted. "You can bet I won't screw up like this again. I really gotta work."

Although he still had a little headache, Brian was released from the ER by 6:00 p.m. He drove straight to Wal-Mart, and bought a very large water jug with his last \$10 bill.

He had to work. There were, after all, bills to pay.

Although the human body has some remarkable mechanisms for dealing with heat, and has the ability to become acclimated to high environmental temperatures after repeated exposures, illness and death due to heat remain quite common.

While millions experience heat cramps, a mild form of heat illness, some go on to

more serious heat-related disease. Heat exhaustion, with its dizziness, weakness, malaise, muscle aches, headache, and vomiting, requires urgent treatment. Heatstroke, characterized by soaring body temperatures (105 degrees and higher) and dysfunction of the brain and nervous system, is frequently fatal.

It is estimated that more than 4000 victims die each year in America from heat illness, and heat-related death rates are highest among the elderly and the very young.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. [www.fecp.org](http://www.fecp.org)

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#### Looking for volunteers

The advisory committee of Potluck in the Muck is looking for citizens who wish to participate in the next Potluck in the Muck performance.

Various duties are available for anyone who wishes to help, including making costumes, singing, selling tickets, building the set, preparing food for the staff or many other things.

The play will be performed September 23 and 24 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

### City Projects From Page 1

According to Eric Lewis, Community Development director, the city received a \$116,000 grant from the county to rehabilitate the building which was donated to the city by Homer and Dolly Hand. Upstairs, six efficiency apartments have been remodeled to provide housing for low income residents. Downstairs, the police department substation, manned by Sgt. Jeff Walker and Officer Ezekiel Cano, serves as an afterschool program for neighborhood children.

Sgt. Walker said the substation has been successful, enrolling 120 children from the neighborhood, 40-60 a day, in the mentoring program which helps them develop a positive image of the police, while helping to improve their academic and computer skills. The increased police presence in the neighborhood, where officers walk the beat each evening, has helped to reduce the drug trafficking and prostitution, which were rampant in the area, the sergeant said.

The final stop on the city's ribbon-cutting tour was the Waste Water Treatment Facility on W. Canal Street. The nearly \$11 million project included \$7.8 million in improvements to the plant, which will bring the plant's

ter. Rehearsals begin in August with an entirely new play.

Anyone who would like to participate should call Sandy Mercer at GCDC, 992-9500.

### C.O.P. members to meet

The regular monthly meeting for all members of Pahokee C.O.P. (Citizens: Observer Patrol) Unit 77, will be held Monday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the City of Pahokee Commission Chambers, 171 North Lake Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pahokee.

All members are asked to

attend in uniform. If the riding time of members is not increased monthly, there is a possibility the C.O.P. unit will be disbanded.

Anyone who would like to become a member is also invited to attend this meeting.

For further details call Rev. Patricia Wallace at 996-1692 before 4 p.m. or at 924-7030.

### PHS registration

Pahokee Middle/Senior High School will hold registration on August 11 from noon until 6

resurfacing airport runways and installing guardrails along Canal Street.

One of the more highly visible projects, Mr. Tate said, will be the construction of a new water storage facility at the old

p.m. Parents must accompany students during registration.

Uniforms are mandatory for students in grades 7 and 8 attending Pahokee Middle Senior High School this year. Also, if immunizations are not up to date, students will not be allowed to register. They must also bring proof of immunization to the registration.

For more information, call the school at 924-6400.

### Registration at BGE

Registration for students at

Baker Property on the corner of Main Street and Avenue L, to increase water pressure and volume in that area. That will be a tremendous help, both for water service and fire protection, Mr. Tate added.

Belle Glade Elementary School begins Aug. 7. Students and their parents can register Aug. 7-11 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can also register on Aug. 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and again on Aug. 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents are also reminded their child will need to wear the school uniforms at all times.

For more information, call the school at 993-4490.

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### Park condition

This letter is written in reference to the condition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Pahokee. I feel the upkeep and condition of this park is outrageous.

How can we as citizens idle and allow our park to continue to deteriorate and eventually be destroyed? This park is named after a great man and this is how we show tribute, appreciation and respect for the things he has done? We as citizens should be calling city hall every day until something is done to improve and maintain the park appearance.

I have observed trees that need to be trimmed, dangerous playground equipment, potholes in the pavement and uncut grass. City officials for far too long have neglected this park. I find it very funny that any outdoor events planned for the citizens are always in this park. The condition of MLK Park is always a top priority issue during election time. Elected officials do not hesitate to hold events in the park where they feel it will get them notoriety in the black community.

I have personally spoken with several citizens of Pahokee who also expressed concern for this issue. These citizens informed me the condition of the park has been brought to the attention of the mayor and the vice mayor. These same elected officials assured them there would be a change.

I realize our elected officials are not responsible for the day to day operation of the city, but it's time out for some of the excuses that are being given to our citizens, such as (1) lack of employees, (2) lack of equipment, and, (3) waiting on money from grants.

It's time to stop playing politics and put to rest these excuses. We as citizens deserve to at least have a safe, clean park within our city that we all can be proud of. I implore and challenge the city commission and city employees to do better up keep on all our parks, year round, and not just during election time.

I closing, I would like to thank the group that planted the flowers in Martin Luther King Park over the weekend.

Concerned citizen"

Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck

responds: "I agree we had a problem keeping up with the grass at MLK, but I believe this has been corrected and we will be trimming the trees. We take the park very seriously all the time, not only during elections. We have spent over \$150,000 in the last two years on improvements and will be spending another \$150,000 this year for additional improvements. These will include lighting for the new ball field and new playground equipment.

We appreciate the concern of citizens like you and would be thankful for any assistance we can get from the community in helping us keep the park clean and beautiful."

### Living at campground free

I have a question for the city manager of Pahokee. You have three city employees and a commissioner living free of charge in the campground. Is this an employment benefit that is offered to all employees?

Also, I thought there was a limit on how long a camper could stay in the campground regardless of who it is. Isn't there some kind of law against using public funds and public property for personal gain?"

### Get the facts straight

"I'm calling in regards to the Pahokee firefighter quoted in a front page story of The Sun on July 27.

I don't know who, or what department they were referring to when they said a department of comparable size and area was paying their beginner firefighters \$10.25 per hour.

Well, not in Belle Glade. They are paid \$9.23 to start. He should know that and get his facts straight before asking for anything."

### Do it on your own time

"This is regarding school crossing guards. Someone needs to tell them that if they want to carry on conversations with their boyfriends, or flirt, to do it on their own time, not while they are supposed to be helping the children across the street.

We, the people, have things to do. We do not need to have to sit and wait while they carry on conversations with men. Thank you."

Editors note: The POLICE NEWS in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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## Be respectful when trying to help survivors of child sexual abuse

By Kathie Dickenson  
Radford University

One out of five women and one out of seven men experienced at least one incident of sexual assault as a child. For some, the effects of those childhood incidents have trailed them for years.

Friends or family members who learn of a child abuse survivor's experience may be eager to help them or to guide them toward help, but those impulses should be tempered by respect for the survivor's wishes, says Ann Elliott, a psychology professor at Radford University. "Don't go in with pre-conceived notions about what they need," she says. "Instead, listen and find out what they need or want. Some may want to talk about it, while others may not. Some may prefer to talk about it with friends or family, while others may prefer to talk about it with a counselor."

Understanding the effects of child sexual abuse can help both former victims and their friends and families.

Just as the circumstances of sexual assault can vary greatly, there is a highly diverse set of responses by victims, says Elliott. "Some experience very high levels of stress," she says, "while others appear to have few if any symptoms. Many are in the middle."

"Not everyone is severely traumatized," agrees Isaac Van Patten, who teaches criminal justice at Radford, "but of those who are, the destructive effects are ubiquitous."

Some of the more common long-term effects of sexual assault include:

- \* difficulty establishing trust at a level necessary for true intimacy
- \* post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- \* symptoms of anxiety and fear; such as panic attacks
- \* depression
- \* low self esteem
- \* sexual dysfunction
- \* pattern of becoming a victim in abusive relationships

One important factor in determining whether a child who is abused develops such symptoms is the strength of the child's social support system. Are there adults who reinforce the child's self worth and make him or her feel safe? The term "social support system," says Elliott, has a broad definition. "It could mean a parent, another friend or relative, a teacher, or another positive adult."

Of all the possible symptoms, "none occur in more than 20-30 percent of victims," says Elliott, "except PTSD, which occurs in approximately 50 percent." Of course, she adds, exhibiting these symptoms doesn't necessarily signal a history of sexual abuse. For example, depression can have many causes, and PTSD can stem from a variety of traumatic experiences.

One common misconception about those who were sexually abused is that they are destined to become abusers themselves. "This is a myth," says Elliott. "Just look at the statistics: At least 80 percent of sexual abuse victims are women,

yet 80-90 percent of perpetrators are men. The best estimates suggest that only 20-30 percent of perpetrators have a history of sexual abuse."

Many adult survivors who struggle with the effects of abuse do not seek help for their problems. Often this is because of trust issues, says Van Patten. "By definition, therapy is an intimate, though non-sexual, relationship." Other obstacles to seeking help may be victims' fear of being disbelieved or fear that they are not "worthy." Realizing that their reluctance to seek help stems from the very abuse that caused their problems may help adults decide to take the first difficult step toward support.

When a survivor does decide to seek help, finding the right kind is important. "Help is available through both public and private sector providers," says Van Patten, "and in a variety of formats, from support groups to intense individual psychotherapy." The private sector, he says, offers more choices but is also more costly. Some health insurance plans will cover a portion of counseling costs. Community service agencies usually offer young, enthusiastic clinicians with less experience, but they are substantially less expensive," says Van Patten.

The search can begin with contacting a community service board or a local women's shelter. For private clinicians the yellow pages, a family doctor, or word of mouth recommendations can yield good results. Recommendations from members of a support group can be especially helpful.

In choosing a therapist, Van Patten encourages taking a consumerist approach. "Have an initial meeting with the therapist to try them out," he says. "Many private clinicians will agree to a reduced fee session for an introductory meeting. Respect your own gut feeling about a therapist. If you get a 'bad vibe' from the first meeting it probably won't get better. This is your therapy, so don't worry about hurting anyone's feelings. Just say 'no thanks' and move on to the next one. But don't quit trying until you find a good fit." Elliott adds that a therapist who specializes in or has extensive experience with sexual victimization is often the best choice.

"People need not envision a counseling experience involving a couch and extensive Freudian psychoanalysis. Elliott says through cognitive behavior therapy, abuse survivors can improve their symptoms by learning to think about themselves in new ways. They can also learn to see the abuse in their past from a new perspective. "A person may be thinking, 'This horrible thing happened to me, so I'm a damaged person, unworthy of respect,' but they can learn to think, 'Okay, this horrible thing happened. But the fact that it happened doesn't mean I'm a bad person. They can learn to take control of their thoughts and feelings about the abuse instead of the abuse controlling them," she says.

Learning these skills usually takes the help of a therapist and practice on the part of the client, but with patience, sexual abuse survivors can overcome many of the cumulative effects of their experience.

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# Unraveling the mystery of severe storms



Mike Lyons

I remember the first time I talked with Ted Fujita. He had just given a speech to the American Meteorological Society's annual convention in Los Angeles describing his damage survey from Hurricane Andrew. In that speech, Dr. Fujita said that the terrible destruction from Andrew was caused, in part, by brief, intense bursts of winds that may have topped 200 mph. I phoned Fujita at the University of Chicago to request a copy of his study.

"There is no copy," he told me. "The study is not written down somewhere. It's in my head."

In 1994, Fujita finally got around to putting things down on paper with the publication of his book, *Mystery of Severe Storms*.

It's amazing he found time to write this book at all since Fujita spent most days looking through a camera lens from a small airplane. What was he doing up there? He was taking pictures as part of an aerial survey of storm damage.

From those pictures, Fujita made a number of significant discoveries. He was the first

man to put the winds of a tornado in perspective when he created the Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale in the late 1960s.

Up until then, no one really knew the wind speed inside a large tornado. Some scientists thought the winds might approach the speed of sound, about 738 mph. Fujita, based on his aerial photographs, determined the highest wind in a tornado would be just over 300 mph.

Fujita's scale correlates damage with wind speeds by ranking the tornado from zero to six. An F1 tornado, for example, has winds ranging from 73 to 112 mph and will cause moderate damage. Mobile homes will be knocked off their foundations, trees will be uprooted and moving cars will be pushed off the road. By the way, an F1 tornado is the most common tornado in Florida.

On the other hand, an F3 tornado packs winds of 158 to 206 mph and will cause severe damage to any structure. F3 tornadoes will knock down walls, lift heavy objects off the ground and destroy metal and masonry structures.

While the tornado scale is important, Fujita's most significant discovery may be something he calls a downburst. In 1974, while conducting a damage survey following the largest outbreak of tornadoes in United States history (over 100 tornadoes in a 24 hour period), Fujita saw damage patterns that drew him back to Japan.

In 1945, as an assistant professor of physics at Japan's Meiji College of Technology, Fujita studied the nuclear blasts at Nagasaki and Hiroshima. He noticed the bombs created a unique damage pattern, similar to a starburst.

Nearly 30 years later Fujita saw that same pattern in the fields over Ohio. He realized that starburst damage pattern was created by a powerful downdraft of air from the thunderstorm, a downdraft that hit the ground at very high speeds and spread out in every direction.

Fujita called his discovery a downburst. At first, other researchers were skeptical. To prove his theory, Fujita set up a year-long research project near Chicago. It took less than two months to confirm his theory. He detected 50 downbursts in 42 days.

Fujita's discoveries helped architects and engineers design and build homes more resistant to high winds. He's made air travel safer too. Special instruments have been set up at all major airports to detect downbursts.

T. Theodore Fujita was nearly 80 years old when he died in 1998. Fujita had never retired from his life long work. I want to find ways to protect people against the wind," Fujita told an interviewer in 1994.

It is safe to say he accomplished that goal.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

## CRIME STOPPERS



Virginia Adams

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Virginia Adams, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and domestic battery. She is also wanted for violation of probation on charges of driving without a valid driver's license.

Adams is a black female 5'7" tall, and weighs 210 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes. Her date of birth is

February 5, 1977.

Her last known address was 612 Southwest Avenue E, Apartment 13, Belle Glade. Her occupation is unknown. Her warrant was active as of July 24, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Virginia Adams, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will correct the information and print it.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 548 complaints, gave 16 traffic citations and made 16 arrests the week of July 24-30. Those arrested included:

July 24 - No arrests made.  
July 25 - No arrests made.  
July 26 - Bernard Robinson, 46, loitering and prowling; Khalia Brown, 23, child neglect; Harry Lee, 28, domestic battery.  
July 27 - Terrance Coffie, 30, resisting an officer without violence, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.  
July 28 - Jose Angel Ramos, 40, possession of cocaine and failure to appear on charges of violation of the open container law.  
July 29 - Kerry Evans, 27, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, Oliver Brown, 60, contempt of court, Andrew Sutherland, 27, resisting arrest without violence; Lavern Cooper, 40, trespassing after warning.  
July 30 - Lorenzo Gonzalez, 45, permitting minors to patronize, visit, or loiter in a dance hall; Jose Flores, 23, possession of a vehicle with VIN plate removed; Katrian Mitchell, 27, theft of a prescription drug; Darnain Odums, 25, violation of probation, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell; Alexander Perkins, 20, six counts of attempted first degree murder; Henry Williams, Jr., 56, disorderly intoxication; James Jones, 22, violation of a temporary injunction for domestic violence.

### SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made five arrests the week of July 24-30. Those arrested included:

July 24 - James Demps, 20, resisting arrest without violence; Nora J. Steele, 22, domestic battery.  
July 25 - No arrests made.  
July 26 - No arrests made.  
July 27 - No arrests made.  
July 28 - Raymond Allen, 30, aggravated battery.

July 29 - Nathan Y. Smith, 44, driving while under the influence; Kelvin Williams, 38, resisting arrest without violence.  
July 30 - No arrests made.

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 163 calls, issued 11 traffic citations and made eight arrests the week of July 24-30. Those arrested included:

July 24 - Vincent Davis, 32, violation of the open container law and obstructing and opposing an officer; Robert Schnarr, 19, battery in a detention center.  
July 25 - Robert Cone, 37, burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia; Keshia Wright, 27, burglary.  
July 26 - No arrests made.  
July 27 - No arrests made.  
July 28 - No arrests made.  
July 29 - Mitchell Lampley, 39, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and a warrant for armed burglary and aggravated battery; Betty Jackson, 35, failure to appear in court; Charles Morrison, 46, aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a firearm.  
July 30 - Ruben Castillo, 23, driving while under the influence.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 10 arrests the week of July 25-30. Those arrested included:

July 25 - No arrests.  
July 26 - No arrests.  
July 27 - Cynthia Vaillancourt, 47, Pahokee, warrant for failure to appear.  
July 28 - James J. Jones, 20, Pahokee, battery on a pregnant woman; Tony Lee Kinsler, 22, Pahokee, fleeing or attempt to elude, reckless driving, driving while license suspended.  
July 29 - No arrests made.  
July 30 - No arrests made.

## Sun Spots

### Continued from Page 3 SonZone Discovery Center

Belle Glade Alliance Church invites all the children in the community to join them at SonZone Discovery Center.

The closing program will be Sunday, August 13 at 7 p.m. It will be a musical event for the whole family. The SonZone Discovery Center Vacation Bible School begins August 7 and continues through August 11. It will be at the Belle Glade Alliance Church, 425 East Canal Street North from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is open to Grade K through Grade 5.

For more information, call 996-9914.

### Registration at Gove

Gove Elementary School will be holding fall registration Monday, August 7 through Tuesday, August 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily.

Only a parent or legal guardian may register a student and sign the registration form.

Students entering kindergarten and students new to the Palm Beach County School system must present the following: Proof of residency, which must be in the legal guardian's name. Acceptable proof of residence includes any utility bill. Proof of immunization on HRS form 680 (also known as the Blue Card). A recent physical examination. The child's birth certificate.

All students' health records must be up to date before the first day of school on Wednesday, August 16.

### Class of 1991

There will be a meeting for Glades Central Class of 1991

on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. at Pioneer Park pavilion.

Classmates are urged to attend and bring ideas for the 10 year celebration.

For more information call Dionne Tolbert at 996-4574.

### Lake Shore Middle School registration

All parents/guardians will need to register 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for the 2000-2001 school year at Lake Shore Middle School. Registration will be held at the new school on Aug. 11 and 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All sixth grade students will need to present a HRS 680 Immunization Form (Blue Card). No physical is required.

All seventh graders will need to have a physical. If they were in 5th grade during the 1998-1999 school year and had a physical on or after August 19, 1998, it will be accepted for the 2000-2001 school year. Seventh grade students will also need to have started their Hepatitis B Series and have had a Tetanus Booster.

### Glades Central registration

Glades Central Community High School registration will take place Aug. 3 & 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for returning students 9-12 grade. On Monday, Aug. 7 new students, grades 10-12 can register from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Returning students 9-12 can register from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 8 & 9 and new 9th grade students can register from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10.

On Friday, Aug. 11, all students can register from 8 a.m. to noon. These registrations will take place in the Guidance Suite.

Ninth grade registration will take place in the Media Center on August 10. Parents are encouraged to accompany their new 9th grade students to reg-

istration and to participate in one of the orientation sessions. Session one will begin at 11 a.m. and session two will begin at 6 p.m. The orientation sessions will provide both student and parent vital information necessary to facilitate a smooth transition for all new 9th graders. All updated physical and immunization records should be brought to registration. Complete medical records are required to be on site by law for permanent school attendance.

School I.D. pictures will be taken at a cost of \$2. All students are required to wear their I.D. cards when on school campus.

### SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference

The second annual Senior HIV Intervention Project, SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mr. Tabor Baptist Church, Miami, Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Belle Glade.

For more information, please contact SHIP coordinator Alyse Schaffer at (954) 467-4747.

Free HIV tests will be given at Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, courtesy of Glades Health Survey, at Mt. Zion AME in Belle Glade, courtesy of the C.L. Brumback Health Care Center and at a location to be announced in Pahokee, courtesy of Comprehensive AIDS program. Refreshments will be provided at all three sites courtesy of the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

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Nikkaila Thornton, a student enrolled in the AmeriTech Summer Computer Camp in South Bay, gets some golf tips from golf pro Bobby Brown at the Okechee Golf Course during a recent field trip.

## Pahokee Recreation Department to host NYSCA Coaching Clinic Saturday

The City of Pahokee Recreation Department will be conducting a NYSCA Coaching Certification Clinic for Youth League Football Saturday, Aug. 5 from 9-11 a.m. at the City of Pahokee Community Recreation Complex. This is a mandatory training clinic for all City of Pahokee coaches and volunteers. All other Youth League

coaches are encouraged to attend. If there are other organizations out there looking to certify their coaches, please have them call Ron Osborne at (561) 924-2922.

Coaches certification fees are \$20. Make your check out to the City of Pahokee or National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA).

Please bring your news items to The Sun by noon Friday for the following week's newspaper

## Prescribed burn ongoing on Lake O rim

Taking advantage of low water levels in Lake Okeechobee, the South Florida Water Management District is in the process of burning about 5,000 acres of torpedo grass and dead melaleuca trees in the Moore Haven area. The burning began last month.

A fire "prescription" has been issued by the Florida Division of Forestry that will allow the area to be burned in order to reduce the biomass of torpedo grass and dead melaleuca trees so that herbicide treatments planned for later in the summer will be more effective. The prescribed burn also is expected to reduce the amount of dead plant material that can fuel wild fires in the Lake Okeechobee marsh. The Water Management District believes this will enhance

the growth of native plants in the area.

In late April, the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District directed staff to lower the water level in Lake Okeechobee by about two feet to improve plant and animal habitat throughout the lake and especially in the lake's western and southern marshes. The goal of this "recession management plan" is to lower the lake level to 13 feet mean sea level and maintain that level until the native submerged vegetation in the lake has had an opportunity to return.

To take advantage of this lower lake level, the Lake Okeechobee Interagency Task Force has planned several habitat-related projects in the next few months. The task force includes the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Projects planned for June and July included conducting prescribed burns, treating invasive exotic plants, and planting native vegetation. During June, more than 8,300 cypress, red maple and pond apple trees were planted in the marsh area of Lake Okeechobee where only melaleuca and Brazilian Pepper trees have thrived in recent years. Volunteers from all over the state continued to plant

native trees in Lake Okeechobee during July.

Torpedo grass is an invasive exotic plant that grows in dense stands, preventing the growth of native vegetation that is more desirable for fish and wildlife habitat. The most effective means of eliminating this hardy non-native grass from Lake Okeechobee has been researched for many years. In order to maximize the effectiveness of the prescribed burn, it will be followed by herbicide treatments in about three to six weeks. About 1,000 acres of torpedo grass near Buckhead Ridge also were treated with herbicide recently.

## Belle Glade father-son duo win championship

Willie Lee of Belle Glade and his son Jesse of Wellington sank 15-foot birdie putts on the last two holes to pull away for a two-stroke victory Sunday in the 13th annual Palm Beach County Father-Son Championship at Polo Trace Country Club.

A final round scramble score of 66 gave Team Lee a 133 and their eighth victory in 12 tries. They opened Saturday with an a-four-ball stroke play 67 and did not make a bogey in 36 holes on the course playing about 6,350 yards.

The Lees did not play in the 1988 inaugural but won on their first try in 1989. Their other victories were in 1992 through 1995 and the last three years.

"With the amount of golfing talent in Palm Beach County, it's unbelievable that we have

been able to hold up and win this tournament so many times," said Jesse Lee, 36, a Wellington produce broker.

Over the years their winning scores have ranged from 123 to 135.

In the opening round, Willie Lee, 60, a crop duster from Belle Glade, birdied the first and fourth holes, Jesse the 15th, 17th and 18th. Sunday, it was largely a matter of some big drives by Jesse and chips close to the holes by both players. After they birdied Nos. 1, 8, 11 and 12, Willie sank the birdie putt at 17, Jesse at 18.

The tournament, sponsored by the Palm Beach County Golf Association, drew 50 teams and returned \$2,400 in merchandise prizes.

The Lees won \$350 in prizes for their championship endeavor.

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